

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Introduced by: Senator Hansen (Tom) and Representative Feinstein

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 an amendment to Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,  
3 relating to four-year senatorial terms and term limits.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to  
7 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2  
8 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state  
9 for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 6. The terms of office of the members of the ~~Legislature~~ senate shall be four years and the  
13 terms of office of the members of the house of representatives shall be two years; ~~they~~.  
14 Legislators shall receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of  
15 article XXI of this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and



1 returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.

2 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ two consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive  
3 years in the senate, whichever is longer, and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight  
4 consecutive years in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to  
5 partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

6 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held each year and shall not exceed forty  
7 legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases of  
8 impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except  
9 salary and mileage.